



Participants sign in.

Short Summary and Photos

Community Design Workshop – May 4, 2013

About 40 people assembled at Rosedale Baptist Church on Philadelphia Road on May 4 for the first in a series of meetings and workshops to re-envision a segment of Pulaski Highway.



Participants view the plan area map.

Andrea Van Arsdale, Director of Planning for Baltimore County, welcomed the group. She thanked everyone for spending a portion of what was a beautiful Saturday morning indoors discussing possible changes in the redevelopment area. She asked for a show of hands to determine the representation of different interest groups. Hands went up, revealing a balance among residential, business, and property owners.

Ms. Van Arsdale indicated that it was critical to build consensus among the different interests in order to move forward. She stressed that any change that may be planned for the area would happen gradually over several decades.



Welcome by Planning Director Andrea Van Arsdale.



Stu Sirota, Project Team Leader, with Dan Grant of Rosedale Baptist Church.

She turned over the program to Stu Sirota, Principal of the TND Planning Group and the lead consultant on the project, who presented an overview of the project to date, and discussed the day's program. He then conducted a "visual preference survey." He showed a series of slides of different kinds of places and buildings, and asked the participants to rate them. The surveys were collected. The results are being tabulated, and will be presented at the meeting on Monday, May 13.



Collecting the surveys.

Following the survey, a large map was distributed to each table, along with adhesive dots and flare pens for a table exercise. Participants were asked to place green dots on locations on the map where they see positive things that should be preserved or remain the same; and to place red dots where they see negative things that should change over time. They were asked to use the flare pens to write next to the dots to explain or draw their ideas. Each table had four to six participants, and a staff person to help get the discussion going and take notes.



Preparing for the table exercise.



Participants engage in discussion during the table exercise.



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Participants present the ideas discussed at their tables.

After about 40 minutes in this “breakout” session the general meeting was reconvened, and a representatives from each table went forward with their tables’ maps to present the issues and ideas that emerged. Following the presentations, Mr. Sirota encouraged everyone to come back for the meetings on May 13, 16, and 18.



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